

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the specification as follows:**

On page 24, please replace the paragraph comprising lines 9-15, as follows:

A Liaison unit 104 can be implemented as software running on a Personal Computer (PC) running under the Windows NT version 4.0 operating system. The software can be written in the Java programming language. The PC can have an Ethernet adapter for the Liaison unit 104 to communicate with Content Provider units 102 via the CORBA IIOP protocol, with the Liaison unit 104 acting as a CORBA server. The Ethernet adapter can also be used ~~by the Insertion Engine 820 of the Liaison unit 104~~ to send content to certain types of Mixing Units 108 (multiplexers and gateways) for insertion into the broadcast stream, using the TCP/IP or UDP/IP protocols.

On page 25, please replace the paragraph comprising lines 4-12, as follows:

This operation can have as input parameter an XML page that always includes the Content Provider ID, the account ID, and an add/delete/edit/info indicator. For an add request the page can include the account name, contact information, and a requested account allocation (list of interval allocations). For an edit request the page can include the requested account allocation. The operation can have as output parameter an XML page that includes the current bandwidth allocation for the account, and whether that allocation is unchanged since the last synchronization, or was changed by the user accepting a request, rejecting a request, accepting a request with modifications, or just making a unilateral change in the absence of any request. ~~The outputs of this operation can be stored in an Account Info storage 812.~~

On page 25, please replace the paragraph comprising lines 14-17, as follows:

This operation can have as input parameter an XML page that includes the Content Provider ID. It can have as output parameter an XML page that includes a list of all account allocations for that Content Provider unit 102, with an indication of whether the allocation has changed since the last synchronization, and if so why. ~~The outputs of this operation can be stored in an Account Info storage 812.~~

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 25 and 26, as follows:

This operation can have as input parameters the Content Provider ID, account ID, catalog ID, and content item ID of the content to be delivered, plus the content itself in the form of an octet string. (Note that this may not be a good choice for very large files or directories. It might work better for the Content Provider unit to specify that the Liaison unit 104 fetch very large files, rather than having them delivered.) If a directory is to be delivered, it can be delivered as a single composite file, such as a "zip" file. ~~The outputs of this operation can be stored in a Content Store 816.~~